

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Perry, Tennessee

#### Number of farms

266 farms in 2002, 289 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

#### Land in farms

49,662 acres in 2002, 60,470 acres in 1997, down 18 percent.

#### Average size of farm

187 acres in 2002, 209 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$2,549,000 in 2002, \$4,035,000 in 1997, down 37 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$909,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,641,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

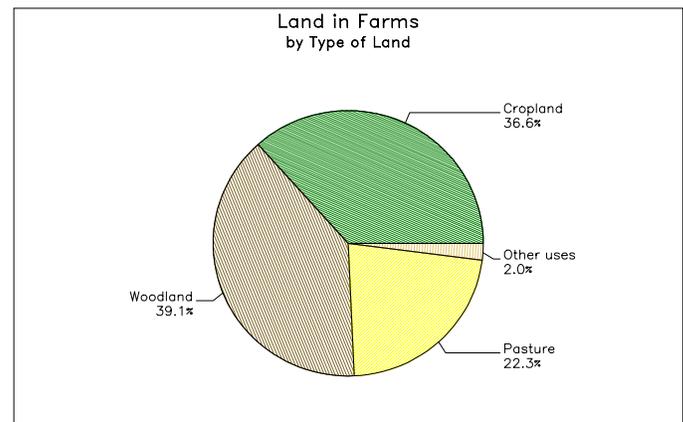
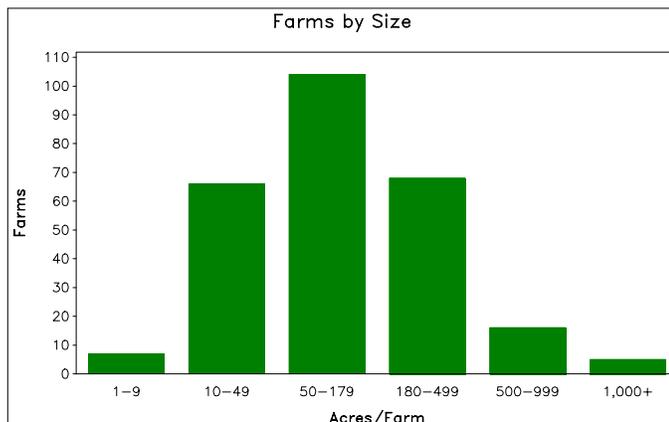
\$9,584 in 2002, \$13,961 in 1997, down 31 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$101,000 in 2002, \$177,000 in 1997, down 43 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,764 in 2002, \$2,387 in 1997, down 26 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 95 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	2,549	95	95	2,912	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	909	89	95	2,761	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,641	90	95	2,774	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	628	46	94	1,927	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	69	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	24	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	91	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	87	93	2,583	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,530	82	95	2,333	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	73	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	39	51	93	1,783	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	2	91	94	2,841	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	68	84	94	2,134	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	52	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	83	89	2,565	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,568	87	95	2,370	3,059
Horses and ponies	777	69	95	1,605	3,065
Hogs and pigs	349	49	93	1,783	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	230	85	94	2,398	2,983
All Goats	130	90	94	2,126	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,882	86	95	2,071	3,059
Corn for grain	2,266	38	94	1,529	2,592
Soybeans	986	55	81	1,533	2,076
Corn for silage	104	66	82	1,954	2,307
All Wheat for grain	(D)	74	81	(D)	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	101	Farming	153
\$1,000 to \$2,499	40	Other	113
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	Male	236
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Female	30
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	359
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,434	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	12,860	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-386	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-1,446	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.